support to India's candidature for a permanent seat in the expanded UN Security Council.

(b) During the visit of President Vladimir Putin, India and Russia exchanged views on a number of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern including on international terrorism. The two sides signed eleven documents covering cooperation in the areas of space, consular issues, banking and energy.

Sending farmers to Kenya

2274. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Embassy in Kenya has received any requests from Andhra Pradesh Government on the subject of sending a large number of farmers-settlers to that country;

(b) if so, the details of the matter as being dealt by our Embassy in Kenya;

(c) whether the Indian Embassy has given any advice on this subject;

(d) if not, whether any other foreign country has sent farmers to kenya recently; and

(e) the details and information as available with the Indian Embassy in Kenya on this subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, it is learnt that a team from the Government of Andhra Pradesh visited kenya in October/November, 2004. The visit was organisedby the Kenya High Commission in New Delhi, who had organised meetings for the visitng team.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No reports have come to the notice of the Government indicating that **any** other foreign country has sent farmers to **Kenya** recently.

(e) It is understood that Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority Nairobi, and Kerio Valley Development Authority, Nairobi are discussing with the Andhra Pradesh Government **a** proposal for developing agricultural

land in Kenya with the help and assistance of farmers from Andhra Pradesh.

Indian Para Military Forces in Iraq

t2275. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Para Military Forces are being sent to Iraq for security purposes;

(b) if so, whether the India have given up the policy of non-alignment; and

(c) whether Government supports the heinous act committed by America in Iraq?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

Selection rules for haj services

†2276. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy rules prescribed for selecting Government employees on deputation for services of the haj pilgrims;

(b) whether the selection process is based on eligibility/ recommendation,

(c) the list of employees selected on deputation during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that earlier this list was available at the reception counter of the Ministry for the information;

(e) the reasons for discontinuing this process and the name of the officer who ordered the discontinuance of this tranparency; and

(f) whether Government would consider to make the list of selected candidates available on internet and reception counter every year?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.